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FOR UTILITY NATIONAL APPLICATION

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> is attached hereto. (a)

was filed on January 25, 1999 as Application Serial No. 09/237,605 and (b) was amended on March 17, 2000

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above or as allowed as indicated above.

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PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS

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| 08/778,503 | January 3, 1997 | Patented U.S. 5,863,201 |
| 60/009,592 | January 4, 1996 | Abandoned |
| 08/607,903 | February 27, 1996 | Patented U.S. 5,876,453 |
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